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## Parks Manager Receives Certified Arborist Designation

Wylie, TX, Feb. 19, 2016 – Wylie Parks Manager Shohn Rodgers has received Certified Arborist designation from the International Society of Arboriculture.

To achieve the honor, candidates must meet a set of criteria including three years of full-time experience in arboriculture and a score of at least 74 percent on a 200-question multiple-choice test covering areas such as tree biology, pruning, soil science, safety practices, climbing operations, urban forestry and others.

Rodgers said he was pleased to have received the honor. "This will designate me as a bit more of an expert on trees, and it helps me better manage Wylie's urban forest. It demonstrates the City's valuation of trees as a public asset and dedication to good forestry practices."

Rodgers holds a B.A. in English from Northeastern State University and an M.P.A. from the University of Oklahoma. His other licenses and certifications include Certified Parks and Recreation Professional, Master Certified Professional Turfgrass Manager, Certified Playground Safety Inspector, Texas Certified Nursery Professional, Licensed Irrigator and Licensed Pesticide Applicator.

He has worked in parks and maintenance for 18 years, five of which have been with the Wylie Parks Department. "It's very gratifying that the City of Wylie values continuing education and employee achievement," he said.